

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Windshield wiper device (10) a plate-shaped base (12), on which at least one drive unit (18), at least one wiper bearing (14) and at least one retaining element (26) are arranged, characterized in that the plate-shaped base (12) has at least one predetermined breaking point (36) and stress-controlling elements (46), the stress controlling elements being arranged ~~in such a way that~~ to increase on the predetermined breaking point (36) a stress in the base (12) in an impact with the windshield wiper device (10) ~~will increase on the predetermined breaking point (36) in such a way that to~~ cause the predetermined breaking point (36) ~~will~~ to one of bend ~~or even~~ and break off completely.
2. (Currently Amended) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the predetermined breaking point (36) is arranged in the region of one of the retaining element (26) ~~and/or in the region of~~ and the wiper bearing (14).
3. (Currently Amended) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the predetermined breaking point (36) is embodied as one of a bore hole (38), an elongated hole (40) ~~or~~ and a break-through (42).
4. (Currently Amended) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the base (12) has a collar-like border along a perimeter.
5. (Original) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 4, characterized in that the drive unit (18) is accommodated within the border (33).

6. (Previously Presented) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that a fastening element (44) is provided on the base (12), which serves as the fastening of a support tube.
7. (Canceled)
8. (Previously Presented) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that at least one predetermined breaking point (36) is arranged approximately centrally in the plate-shaped base (12).
9. (Currently Amended) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 2, characterized in that the predetermined breaking point (36) is embodied as one of a bore hole (38), an elongated hole (40) ~~or~~ and a break-through (42).
10. (Currently Amended) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 9, characterized in that the base (12) has a collar-like border along a perimeter.
11. (Previously Presented) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 10, characterized in that the drive unit (18) is accommodated within the border (33).
12. (Previously Presented) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 11, characterized in that a fastening element (44) is provided on the base (12), which serves as the fastening of a support tube.
13. (Canceled)
14. (Previously Presented) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 12, characterized in that at least one predetermined breaking point (36) is arranged approximately centrally in the plate-shaped base (12).

15. (Previously Presented) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the predetermined breaking point (36) is embodied as a bore hole (38).
16. (Previously Presented) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the predetermined breaking point (36) is embodied as an elongated hole (40).
17. (Previously Presented) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the predetermined breaking point (36) is embodied as a break-through (42).
18. (Currently Amended) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that ~~the each stress-controlling elements element (46) are~~ is embodied as one of a recess ~~recesses or and a material accumulation accumulations.~~
19. (Currently Amended) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the at least one predetermined breaking point (36) is embodied as a hole[[,]] and ~~characterized in that a stress-controlling element (46), one of a recess and a material accumulation surrounding~~ surrounds the hole.
20. (Previously Presented) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the at least one predetermined breaking point (36) is located in the plate-shaped base (12) between the at least one wiper bearing (14) and the at least one retaining element (26), and characterized in that a stress-controlling element (46) is located in the plate-shaped base (12) on a side of the at least one wiper bearing (14) away from the at least one predetermined breaking point (36).
21. (Previously Presented) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the at least one predetermined breaking point (36) is located in the plate-shaped base (12) between the at least one drive unit (18) and the at least one retaining element (26), and characterized in that a stress-controlling element (46) is located in the plate-shaped base (12) between the at least one drive unit (18) and the at least one predetermined breaking point (36).

22. (New) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the base (12) has a perimeter, and characterized in that the stress-controlling elements (46) are within the perimeter.